

Agricultural Department.

The Cotton Situation

Reason why Farmers Should not Become Frightened and Sell on a Declining Market.

From Manufacturers' Record.

Even if the cotton crop should prove to be as large as the Government's estimate of 12,500,000 bales, there need be no fear on the part of the South of the world's ability to absorb it to a good price. It would be a disaster based on a failure to comprehend the world's cotton situation if the South, frightened by this large yield, should undertake to sell its cotton on a declining market. In the first place, a very large amount of Southern cotton has been seriously damaged in quality. This, unfortunately, by virtue of the provisions of contract sales, can be used for deliveries in New York market and in this way used to depress the price of cotton. But real cotton suitable for the needs of the spinners is none too plentiful. It is quite safe to say that the world could absorb every bale of good cotton that the South has this year produced at a very considerable advance over present prices, to the benefit of the grower and to the cotton world at large. It is a mistaken idea for the spinner to undertake to "bear" the price of cotton. In the long run this is more disastrous to his interests than to anyone else's. With the rapid expansion in the world's consumptive requirements, with many mills sold ahead for 6 to 12 months, with consumption of cotton fully equal to the total production of good cotton, and in all probability considerably in excess of it, there is no reason why the South should be frightened at 12,500,000 bales. The world needs that much, and needs it badly. The cotton mills in this country and abroad are having a phenomenally active trade at exceedingly profitable prices, and though they might from a narrow, selfish point of view desire to see the raw cotton at a figure which would still further enhance their profits, the Manufacturers' Record is sure that the broader men in trade recognize that this would in the long run be an injury rather than a benefit. The New York cottoning element, the curse of the cotton trade, which under the provisions of the Cotton Exporting to the "bear" element, tremendous power over the cotton market, is not permitted to create the Southern spot mar-

What to Feed Colts.

The best feed for the colt is good oats and bran, says Wallace's Farmer. Commence by giving it enough to nibble at, and when it begins to relish it give it plenty. Don't be afraid of giving the colt too much after it has once become accustomed

Labor in Chesterfield.

Largest Farmer in the County Tired of Negroes--Is going to Try White Immigrants.

Cheraw special in the News and Courier: "In conversation with the News and Courier's correspondent a few days ago Mr. James A. Watson, Chesterfield county's largest planter, and a most prominent citizen, announced that he hoped to get several families of immigrants from the next shipload that arrives at Charleston early in January. In discussing the labor situation Mr. Watson said:

"I will no longer be devilled with negro labor as I have seen this year. There are several families of negroes on my place that may remain. They have been with me several years and are all right, or, at least, are as good as any negro labor one can get. But the 'floating' negro farm hands are worse than useless and I am tempted to say I would quit farming altogether rather than be bothered with them.

"I understand that the white immigrant labor will require more money for their labor than the negro, but I am satisfied they are worth the increased pay. I expect to be in Charleston when the next shipload of foreigners comes in and hope to bring back a number of families and put them to work raising cotton and corn.

Mr. Watson produces about six hundred bales of cotton each year. His land is just slightly rolling and is easily tilled. He has several thousand acres just above Cheraw and could easily take care of twenty or thirty families of the German or Belgian farm laborers.

There has been more dissatisfaction this season with the negro labor than ever before. Several large planters have expressed themselves much as has Mr. Watson, and before another crop is planted Chesterfield county may have a number of foreign laborers.

Made Happy for Life.

Great happiness came into the home of S. C. Blair, school superintendent, at Mt. Albans, W. Va., when his little daughter was restored from the dreadful complaint he names. He says: "My little daughter had St. Vitus' Dance, which yielded to no treatment but grew steadily worse until as a last resort we tried Electric Bitters; and I rejoice to say, three bottles effected a complete cure." Quick, sure cure for nervous complaints, general debility, female weakness, impoverished blood and malaria. Guaranteed by J. F. Mackey, Co. Crawford Bros., and Funderburk Pharmacy. Price 50c.

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to it. No ordinary mare will give enough milk to push the colt as fast as it ought to be pushed. The colt usually does well enough for the first month. By the time it is two months old it is twice as heavy as it was when it came, and has no more and perhaps less milk than at first. Hence, if you are going to push it forward, you must give it additional feed, and there is nothing better than ground oats and bran.

Colored Farmer Hard Hit by Fire.

Monroe Enquirer: Wm. McDonald, colored, of Jackson township, lost his dwelling and all its contents by fire last Sunday afternoon. Among the contents of the house was one hundred dollars in currency. William and all of his family, with the exception of a daughter, were away from home when the fire occurred. His daughter was playing the organ and hearing a roaring noise above her rushed out to find the roof in flames. Before help could arrive the fire had reached such a headway, that it was impossible to save anything from the building.

Sergeant Jennings, of the Christian Crusaders, Meets with Bad Accident.

Sumter special in the Columbia State: Sergeant Jennings' jaw was badly fractured Monday afternoon by a carriage tongue. Mr. Jennings was on a bicycle and the driver of the carriage did not see him. The tongue of the carriage struck him very hard on the chin, crushing his jaw bone and knocking the teeth out of place. He was picked up unconscious by friends and taken to the Sumter hospital, where the surgeons reset his jaw. Today Mr. Jennings is not so well.

He is one of the leading members of the twelve Christian Crusaders who have made Sumter their headquarters for many months, and have done a great deal of good here. Mr. Jennings has a very fine voice and his absence from the meetings will be depressing.

Woman Shoots and Kills a Man in Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 16.—Bailiff John G. Dodgen was found dead early this morning with a bullet hole in the back of his head, on the landing of a Marietta street lodging house.

Mrs. Willie Stamper, who runs the house, admits killing him, but alleges that he tried to break in the door and that she shot him through the closed door when he persisted in his efforts to enter. The police authorities however, are of the opinion that the man was killed in the house and his body was thrown out.

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